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SUBJECT: VISITS OF SPERRAZZA AND KLEIN TO TAIWAN

1. WE HAVE CONCURRED IN THE PROPOSED TRAVEL (SEPTEMBER 21-23) TO TAIWAN OF JOSEPH SPERRAZZA (DIRECTOR, US ARMY MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS ACTIVITY, ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND) AND NORMAL KLEIN (ASSISTANT DEPUTY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, US ARMY MATERIEL DEVELOPMENT AND READINESS COMMAND) PROVIDED: (A) PRIOR TO THEIR MEETINGS WITH MND AND CHUNG SHAN INSTITUTE OFFICIALS THEY BRIEF EMBASSY ON THE TOPICS THEY INTEND TO RAISE WITH THE CHINESE, AND (B) AFTER THEIR MEETINGS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, THEY CALL UPON THE EMBASSY FOR A DEBRIEFING OF CHINESE R & D EFFORTS. YOU SHOULD REMIND SPERRAZZA AND KLEIN THAT ANY USG SUPPORT FOR ROC R & D EFFORTS REQUIRES WASHINGTON CLEARANCE AND ALSO CAUTION THEM AGAINST CONVEYING ANY IMPRESSION OF USG WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN THESE EFFORTS IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH CLEARANCE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DIA HAS GIVEN THE ROC SANITIZED MANUALS PUBLISHED BY THE JOINT TECHNICAL COORDINATING GROUP ON MUNITIONS EFFECTIVENESS AND THAT SPERRAZZA INTENDS TO DISCUSS THESE WITH THE ROC AS A FOLLOW-UP TO A VISIT LAST FALL BY TWO CINCPAC OFFICIALS (ATZINGER AND

LINDEMEYER). THESE MANUALS ATTEMPT TO QUANTIFY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VARIOUS WEAPONS IN TERMS OF TARGETS OF INTEREST. THE MANUALS PASSED TO THE ROC REPORTEDLY DEAL WITH ONLY THOSE WEAPONS IN THE ROC INVENTORY.

3. NORMAN KLEIN REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO REVIEW THREE ONGOING GRANT PROJECTS: ONE WITH NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY ON THE OBSERVATION OF VHF BEACONS ON SATELLITES, ONE WITH KAOHSIUNG MEDICAL COLLEGE ON COBRA TOXIN AND ONE WITH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDICAL CENTER ON DISEASES ON KINMEN.

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